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REFS: NEW DELHI 1658, NEW DELHI 1607

- 1. ON THE BASIS OF YOUR 1607 WE TOO HAD CONCLUDED THAT THIS WAS AGAIN TIME FOR US TO COMPLAIN TO GOI ABOUT HARCOS/FLETCHER CASE, AND WE WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTION OF SENDING A NOTE EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE INORDINATE DELAYS IN HANDLING OF THE CASE.
- 2. WE CONCUR WITH YOUR PROPOSED NOTE AND REQUEST YOU DELIVER IT AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. SUGGEST HOWEVER YOU REVISE LAST PARAGRAPH TO INCORPORATE MORE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO WELL-RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AS FOLLOWS: QTE UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, STATES ARE OBLIGATED TO CONFORM TO CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL STANDARDS IN THEIR TREATMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS. THESE INCLUDE THE OBLIGATION TO INFORM DETAINED FOREIGN NATIONALS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CHARGES AGAINST THEM AND TO AFFORD THEM A JUST TRIAL

WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. THE EMBASSY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE MEA TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN LIGHT OF THE UNFORTUNATE HISTORY OF THIS CASE. UNQTE.

3. YOU SHOULD TAKE THE OCCASION TO NOTE THAT THERE IS CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE CASE AND THAT SHOULD IT AGAIN BECOME A MATTER OF PRESS DISCUSSION WE WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO EXPRESS OUR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH IT IS BEING HANDLED BY INDIAN AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER

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